

Strikes, Lockouts, June Rains Wipe Out Season Of Work

Many Projects Are Set Back To July 1959

Strikes, lockouts and June rains have just about wiped out a season of highway work, W. C. Williams, state highway engineer, told the News-Review Wednesday.

Williams said the work stoppages meant that even with heavy construction resuming next week many projects in the state which had been scheduled for completion by October would be set back to July 1959.

The highway department head reported that the strike-lockout situation between operating engineers and Associated General Contractors already has cost about a month's time. In Douglas County, if work is resumed next Monday, 25 working days will have been lost.

Strike In Spring

Williams added to the lost time about two weeks in the spring when laborers were on strike and some three weeks in June because of rain.

There still is hope for a couple of jobs important to Douglas County. The hope is tied to a couple of large "if" factors — if weather is favorable and if the teamster-truckers dispute doesn't block shipments of road oil. Fear of the latter was voiced at the Roseburg office of the Highway Department.

The jobs that might be completed are the Myrtle Creek-Tri-City bypass of Highway 99 and North Umpqua Highway paving and grading.

Considerable work remains to be completed on the bypass which is 8.1 miles long, extending from an interchange just north of Myrtle Creek to Yokum interchange. Gravel surfacing still is not completed. Warren Northwest Co. had started laying paving when the shutdown order came on July 11.

May Still Be Opened

The new stretch of four-lane highway was scheduled for completion in September. Provided the "ifs" work out favorably, the road can still be opened to travel this fall, Fred Klaboe, assistant division engineer in Roseburg said.

Part of the Myrtle Creek job remaining to be completed is a bridge at the interchange. Lillebo Construction Co. has the contract for the job which may still be completed this fall, Klaboe said.

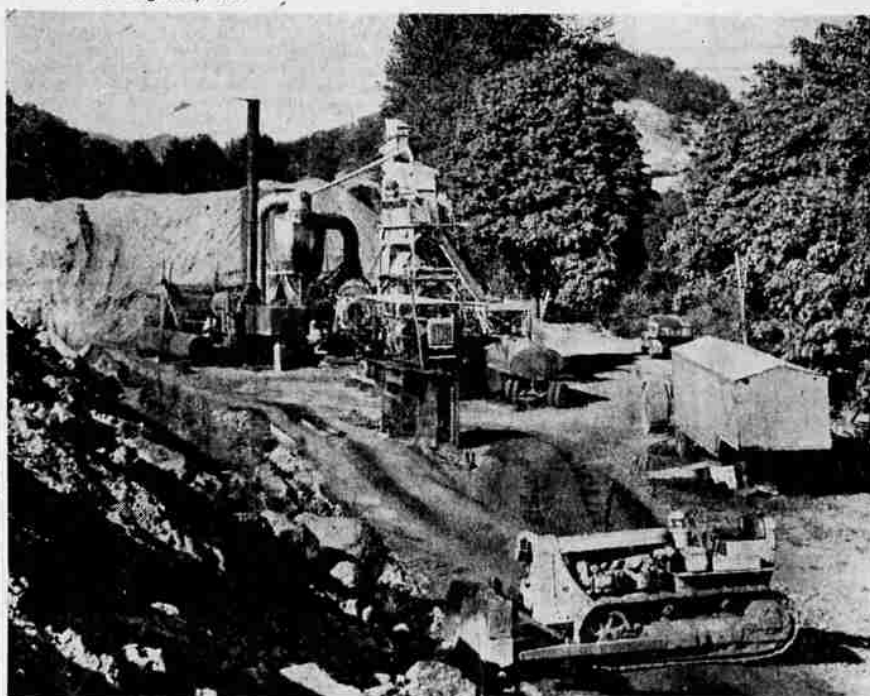
Williams made a similar prediction for the North Umpqua work although it is not state highway work. The projects are run by the Bureau of Public Roads for the Forest Service. Strong Construction Co. has about 2.5 miles of grading to do northward from Marsters Creek, while Central Heating of Eugene has a contract for about 22 miles of paving from Rock Creek to Dry Creek. Williams estimated that the paving could be done in 60 days which would mean completion this year — if weather permits. The same holds true for the grading, he said.

The project of four-laning Highway 99 at Roberts Creek was not scheduled for completion this year, according to Klaboe. The grading job being done by O'Neill Construction Co., could be finished.

Both the Highway Department and Bureau of Public Roads have deferred opening of bids pending settlement of the heavy construction tieup. Williams said his department would open bids a week



HEAVY EQUIPMENT of O'Neill Construction Co. rests at the foot of Roberts Mountain where it was lined up when heavy construction was halted by a strike-lockout. When the green light comes on, the machines will be put back to the job of joining two four-lane sections of Highway 99.



RUSTING ALONGSIDE the South Umpqua River, this hot-mix plant of Warren Northwest Co. awaits an end to the Operating Engineers-Associated General Contractors dispute. The plant was shut down about the time the company was well started on the job of paving a Highway 99 bypass around Myrtle Creek and Tri-City.

Defense Director Explains National Shelter Policy

SALEM (AP) — Two hundred county and local civil defense officials heard Leo A. Hoegh, director of the federal Office of Defense and Civilian Mobilization explain a national shelter policy at a luncheon meeting here Wednesday.

A former Iowa governor, Hoegh also explained that new legislation recognizes civil defense is the joint responsibility of federal, state and local governments rather than just state and local agencies.

He said that a bill presently before Congress would provide funds for civil defense personnel and administration.

Hoegh also told civil defense workers that an overall national civil defense program has been perfected.

He emphasized, however, that civil defense starts with the individual for it is he who faces dangers should a nuclear weapon fall.

Trained at Camp Adair during World War II, Hoegh served in the 104th (Timberwolf) Infantry Division and is the author of its history.

He is to return to Washington, D.C., Wednesday night by plane.

after a settlement is reached. Considerable work had been scheduled for Highway 38 between Reedsport and Mill Creek. These jobs — 5,488 miles of surfacing and 9,382 miles of paving — were let for bid by the Bureau of Public Roads which later announced a delay until the work stoppage ends. Some of the work may be done this fall.

British Reduce Bank Rate To 4 1/2 Per Cent

LONDON (AP) — The British bank rate was reduced Thursday from 5 to 4 1/2 per cent.

The reduction, fourth in five months, will mean cheaper loans and free circulation of money in Britain. It is a further sign of confidence on the part of the Conservative government that it has inflation under control and that Britain's hard currency reserves are in good shape.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses

Carl W. Gudel, Galt, Calif., and Evelyn Hassel, Milwaukee.

John Martin Powell and Anabel Arlene Howard, both of Roseburg.

Army Probing Beating Of Negro By Officer

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany (AP) — The U. S. Army says it is making a thorough investigation of an entertainer's charge that an Army major beat him up.

Timmy Rogers, Negro comedian and master of ceremonies for a troupe touring Army installations, made the accusation against Maj. Leonard Bailey of Salt Lake City, Utah, a veteran of 16 years Army service.

Rogers claimed that Bailey, on the night of Aug. 2, accused him of being late for a show at the officers club in Kaiserslautern and struck and kicked him.

The entertainer reported the incident to military police that night and later was treated at the Air Force hospital in Wiesbaden for broken ribs.

Ordinance Aims At Fire Hazard At Myrtle Creek

An ordinance obviously aimed at an alleged fire hazard at the old Umpqua Plywood Corp. mill was passed Tuesday night by the Myrtle Creek Council.

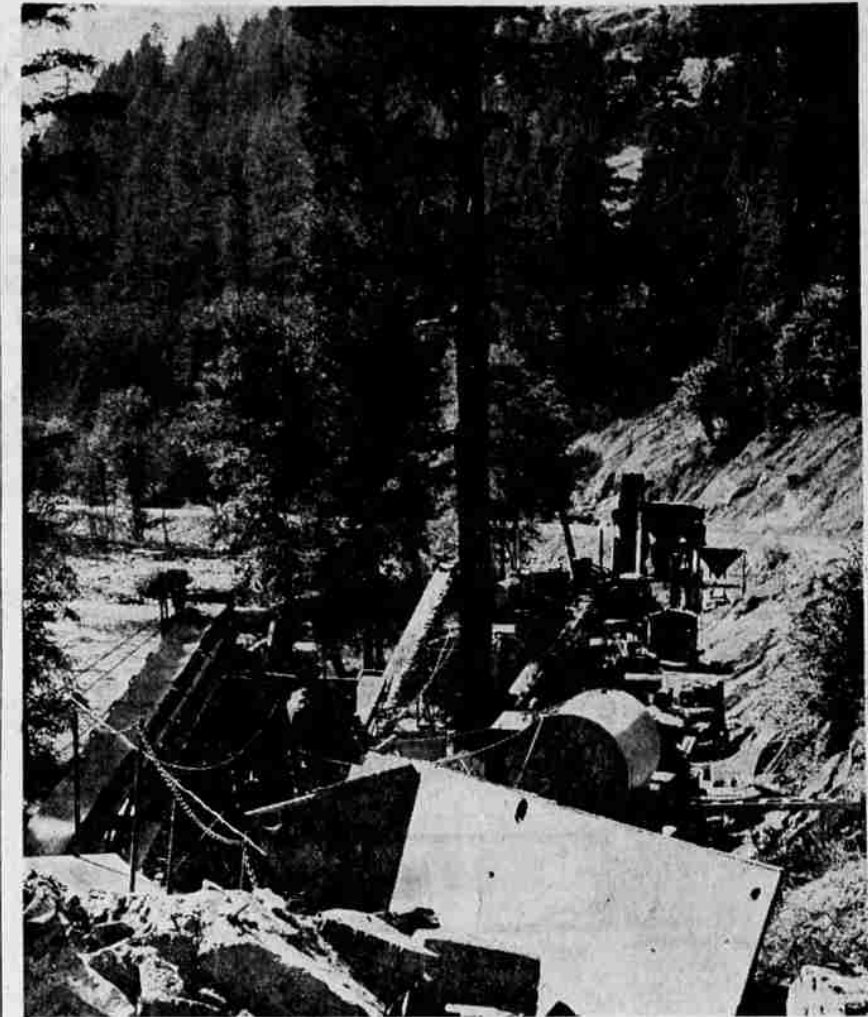
Although the ordinance didn't name a particular property, provisions require that property owners eliminate "dangerous buildings and structures." The state fire marshal last week informed the council that he regarded the mill as a fire hazard, and the council immediately told the company that the hazard should be eliminated or legal action would be started.

Another ordinance, an amendment to zoning regulations, was passed to permit H. W. Stockton to develop a trailer court on Highway 99B at the south city limits.

Ray Norton Jr., Myrtle Creek, was awarded the contract for construction of a small concrete block house to house the new chlorinator for the city water system. Norton bid \$361.90; Tri-City Lumber Co., \$490, and Clifford Kent, Tri-City, \$517.54.

FLIGHTS RESUMED

JERUSALEM (AP) — Flights were resumed Wednesday between Cyprus and Jordan by way of Israel. But service will be by a civil airline and on a nonmilitary basis, the Israeli government announced.



STANDING IDLE because of the heavy construction tieup is this batch plant at Steamboat on the North Umpqua River. The plant was set up by Central Heating Co., Eugene, which has a contract to pave some 22 miles of the Umpqua Highway from Rock Creek to Dry Creek. (Paul Jenkins photos)

Flood Waters Take 4 Lives In Pennsylvania

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Flood waters, rolling over much of Pennsylvania Wednesday night, took the lives of four persons in a raging creek about 15 miles north of President Eisenhower's farm. Two of the victims were children.

The four were trapped by the torrent as they tried to make their way home across Conewago Creek in a tractor.

They were: Donald Harmon, 53-year-old farmer; his two grandsons, Eugene and Donald Gulden, 9 and 10, and a hired man, Lewis Warner, 60.

The tractor stalled in less than a half foot of water but before help could come the flood suddenly rushed upon the four, dragging them off the tractor and carrying them down the swollen stream.

Harmon's wife watched helplessly from the bank.

Twenty or more head of cattle also drowned in the Conewago. Several small buildings and bridges were washed away.

In Western Pennsylvania pelting rain and electrical storms—the worst in many years in some sections—damaged buildings, power lines, trees and automobiles. Motorists were forced off the highways. One main route in Indiana County was closed until storm debris could be cleared away.

Henry Holloway Held To Answer To Rape Charge

Henry Alvin Holloway, 23, Ten-mile millworker, was ordered held to answer to a charge of rape Wednesday following a preliminary hearing before District Judge Warren A. Woodruff.

A Roseburg girl, just turned 14, admitted on the witness stand to associating with the defendant on or about Feb. 21 of this year.

She said the act occurred in a car on a lonely country road about three miles east of Roseburg. At that time she was 13 years old. Attorney William Jones is defending him.

Judge Woodruff admitted Holloway to bail in the sum of \$2,500. Statutory rape carries a sentence of up to 20 years.

James Ray Martin, 18-year-old Roseburg youth, appeared for a preliminary hearing Wednesday morning on a similar charge involving the girl's sister, now age 15.

Since Martin had no attorney, Judge Woodruff set his preliminary hearing over to Friday of this week.

Two Boys Are Believed Drowned In Snake River

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP) — Two boys playing in the Snake River on the northern outskirts of this city were lost and presumed drowned Wednesday night.

The youngsters were identified as Martin Maillon, 7, son of Robert Maillon, and Charles Leon Thomas, 6, son of Abraham Thomas.

Farther upstream, at Nyssa, Ore., the bodies of two Boise, Idaho, men, who drowned when their fishing boat capsized, were recovered. Two other men survived the accident.

Nationalists Claim Two Communist MIG17s Shot Down

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — The Chinese Nationalists claimed they shot down two Communist MIG17s and possibly a third Thursday in a battle over Formosa Strait.

One of the seven Nationalist F86 Sabrejets that tangled with eight MIGs crashed into the sea while returning to Formosa after the battle. The defense ministry says the plane developed mechanical trouble and was not lost through enemy action.

The battle was fought 15 to 20 miles south of the Nationalist held island of Matsu, off the Communist mainland. It was the first big clash since MIGs shot down two Nationalist F84 Thunderjets July 29.

Nationalist forces have been in a state of emergency because of a reported Communist military buildup on the mainland opposite Formosa. The defense ministry says the Reds have been bringing more Russian built MIG17s into the area.

The MIG17 is a souped-up version of the MIG15, which U. S. Sabre jets bested in the Korean War, but all three types and the Thunderjets also are now obsolete.

The Matsu island group had several air raid alarms as several flights of Communist planes came over. Antiaircraft opened up on one group of eight MIG17s, but no hits were claimed.

The Reds continued lobbing shells at the Quemoy group just off the mainland 150 miles south of Matsu. The defense ministry said 39 shells were fired at Tateng Island without effect.

Funeral Services Held For Ski Accident Victim

Funeral services were held in Reedsport earlier this week for Roderick Irving Bowman, 28, who died Saturday from injuries received in a water skiing accident.

He is survived by his wife and three small children. Graveside services were held at Reedsport Cemetery. Bowman was fatally injured while water skiing on the Smith River about 21 miles from Reedsport.

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